February 20, 1970

Dear Harold (cc: GRS),

Your mailings of 2/14, 15, 16, and 18 received. I made 10 copies of PM and PM III; they are in the mail, as follows: PM- GRS, MEF, RB, HV, HW(6); PM III- MEF, RB, PH/HV, HW(7). Your copies [redacted] were sent 2/19, insured & special handling.

Thanks for the Alba material, which I am returning as requested. Pages 7.200-4 are essentially the same as CE 1933-4; I have these on order, as well as the missing page (7.199) and the Klein's coupons in FBI D-85.

The timing of the stranger's visit is not clear; the various reports are contradictory. It might make more sense if we assume McNeil said FBI when he meant SS, a common mistake. I'll write more on this later. Did you check the SS name cards? I have a statement by Alba to the SS on order.

I disagree about the significance of the FBI's taking these mags and checking for prints. On 11/23, SA Davis may well not have known that the Klein's order had been located. It seems to be true that the FBI cannot quickly identify a man from a single fingerprint, so it is not out of the ordinary for no identification to be made of prints other than Oswald's. (We have other cases where the omission is more sinister appearing - e.g., the FPCC handbills.) What I would like cleared up in N.O. is whether Alba had about 100 mags lying around, or only the 7 the FBI took (plus the 2 the SS got, for some unknown reason.) Your 2/14 to Lou says that the mystery man took 2 mags; I have seen no evidence for this. He may have taken many; he may have taken none; he may have left some.

Thanks for your notes on GA-1-Air Force and State. I assume that you would definitely have caught anything in the Air Force file at all relating to their pre-11/22 records on LHO.. Recall, from what I dug up on ONI, that the WC asked for but apparently never got confirmation that they had everything in DOD files on LHO.

From the State file - CD's 8, 9, and 10 are published, so don't oreder them unless the copies you saw are specially marked up.

Your [redacted] 2/12: I don't have any more of CD 1203 (Pena) than you.

I gather I should send the COUP addition and appendix to those who got the other parts, and that they know of the restrictions you have placed on it.

I would like a copy of CD 405, p. 24, although I doubt any Ferrie connection. Could page 23, which you did not copy, have been a header page?

I would like to see most or all of the N.O. transcripts. Perhaps you could list the [redacted] ones you want but do not need immediately, I could make one copy, and route it to you through Gary and others. Or, perhaps Mary would want to pay for most of a set. I'll let you decide.

I don't recall anything about the Clinton incident in the files. Will check.

The page 64A for the COUP appendix interests me, because it relates to the withheld CD 1084-5. Do you have the Rankin letter of 3/26 to which it refers? If not, I will order it.

On the Rotman - Stuckey phone numbers in LHO's notebook: we should first see if these were the (listed or unlisted) home phones in 1963. There should be FBI reprts on this; I'll ask Jim.

Enclosed Jim's work on the Ferrie pages in CD 75. You will note that this largely overlaps what you have done and sent me. I have checked Jim's lists against the original FBI index. I have added a page of my own comments and a list of the names on the available Ferrie pages.

Sincerely,

Paul